

## Soldiers Deliver Donations to Children

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CAMP COOKE, Iraq - For the children of Iraq, just staying alive is a challenge. Just as with any other child, education is the key to their future. As the children of the Ibnal Bitar Primary School in Taji prepare for another school year, the school is once again facing a major obstacle...lack of money for school supplies and other educational materials. This was a wall that the 39th Brigade Combat Team wanted to help take down.

"We did a survey down at the village with the schools and asked them what they needed," said Chaplain Capt. Patrick Moore, of the brigade's 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment. "They

needed stuff from big things like generators, air conditioners, heaters, and water coolers to school supplies...especially notebooks."

Once again, the civilian backgrounds of the Soldiers in the 39th BCT proved to be an asset for the Brigade, and a blessing to the Iraqi people.

"We have several educators in the battalion that coordinated with their schools and fellow teachers," Moore said. "Throughout the summer, some of them, plus their kids, have been collecting school supplies."

The mention of the shortage, resulted in notebooks, pencils, markers, glue, constructions paper and a wide variety of other much needed materials.

"The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith



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Iraqi National Guard Soldiers unload a truck full of school supplies donated by various individuals, schools and business from Arkansas. The supplies were delivered to an all girls' primary school that was desperately in need of the material.

sent a large donation of supplies," Moore said. "Various organizations in Russellville, Ark. sent a lot of supplies. There's a lot of supplies waiting in

Arkansas being consolidated together from our battalion area...Russellville, Paris, Dardanelle, Morrilton and even in

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Sgt. Timothy Frock, a 1-12 Cav. medical adviser, examines a Soldier's neck during sick call.

## Sgt. 'Doc' Teaches Iraqi Soldiers

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CAMP EAGLE, Iraq- Teaching under the best of circumstances can be challenging. But throw in a foreign language and culture, and it could be downright impossible. For Staff Sgt. Timothy Frock, Headquarters Company, medical platoon, 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, it's a childhood dream.

Frock, a native of Philadelphia, is a medical adviser attached to the

305th Battalion Iraqi National Guard (ING) medical platoon. His students call him "Sergeant Doc."

"As a medical adviser I work hand in hand with the ING medical platoon personnel as an instructor," Frock said. "My job is to help build these volunteers into a medical unit along [with teaching] Army standards to include accountability of Soldiers and equipment, how to instill discipline and lead troops."

When Frock first started working with the ING back in April, he didn't have much to work with

and had to start from scratch. Most of the medical knowledge the Soldiers had was what they got from their doctor, who was more like a paramedic.

Since that time, Frock has been able to teach the Iraqis a lot of things that he has taught his own Soldiers, like basic first aid and combat lifesaver techniques and they have been able to adapt from there.

"A lot of these guys are just coming in off the street with no previous medical knowledge or training, so

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# 39th Helps Taji School Kids

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Little Rock that are [about] to send a bunch of stuff."

Moore, who pastors two Methodist Churches in Glenwood, Ark., said the generosity of the people of Arkansas opened the door for his battalion to deliver some goodwill before school begins on Sept. 15.

"Taji village is right outside my battalions area of responsibility," he said, "so we have adopted the village. We want to develop relationships with the villagers to find out what's going on, to see if we can help them, to find out if there are bad folks there.

The more relationships you can build the better off the relationship between Iraqis and the [Multi National] forces are, so school is one of the prime opportunities."

Now with donations in hand and a school in need of assistance identified, all the 206th FA needed now was a method to deliver the goods before school started. With their battalion's resources fully tasked on security, stabilization, and combat operations, they looked to the Iraqi National Guard (ING) to lead the way on the humanitarian mission.

"It has been helpful to be able to develop these relationships, because you don't want to go in there without adequate force protection," Moore said. "A lot of times it's hard to get the American resources that you need to go run and do a school project mission."

The image of an Iraqi face doing good things to help stop the violence, which has plagued their nation for so long, potentially provides hope for a positive future Moore said. "The more that we put an Iraqi face on this the better off we are," he said



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The delivery arrived just in time, since classes begin on Sept. 15.



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Staff Sgt. Timothy Frock, a medical platoon adviser with 1-12 Cav., is helping train the ING's 305th Medical Platoon.

## Army Medic Trains Iraqi Medics

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we had to start from step one teaching them the basics of anatomy and physiology, how to treat wounds and basic problems you might see during sick call," he said.

According to Frock, who has spent the last six years in the Army as a medic, training the Iraqis has been a continual molding process because of the turnover rate for the ING. But, as a result, they've been able to promote those who have stayed and now

have a pretty solid core committed to what they are doing.

"Building this medical platoon is a continual work in progress, but they have really come along since I started here," Frock said. "They have gone from a disorganized group with limited medical knowledge to a more organized and trained body of Soldiers who can now go on missions and give first aid to the wounded."

Frock attributes the Iraqis motivation for learn-

ing to several factors.

"Currently, we are sending our medics through a Combat Life Saver [CLS] course. The class has been translated into Arabic and they have both Arabic and American instructors, so they learn exactly the same thing we learn in our CLS program," Frock said.

Frock said he is glad to have had the opportunity to work with the ING.

"It has shown me another side to just being here," he said.

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

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### Monday

High: 107  
Low: 80



### Tuesday

High: 109  
Low: 78



### Wednesday

High: 109  
Low: 78



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## News Notes

### Saddam Statue Becomes GI Tribute

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) -- A life-size statue of a GI in mourning made from the bronze of two melted-down monuments to Saddam Hussein was dedicated to the 4th Infantry Division. Hundreds of soldiers at a ceremony Thursday joined family members and friends of the 75 men and six women from the division killed in the war. Division Soldiers had toppled two 50-foot statues of a heroic Saddam on horseback in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit. An Iraqi artist melted the statues down and created a new one depicting a GI mourning the fallen comrades as a girl tries to console him.

### More Texans Try AP Exams in 2004

AUSTIN (AP) -- A record number of Texas students took Advanced Placement exams in 2004, representing an 11 percent increase in the number taking the test. The top five exams are English Language, English Literature, U.S. History, Spanish and Calculus AB, according to the College Board, which oversees the program. The fee for each exam is \$82. The state pays \$30 of every exam. Additional reductions in the exam cost can be made through other state, federal and College Board programs for economically disadvantaged students. Some colleges and universities award course credit for scores above 80 percent.

## New Troops Could be Boon to Killeen Housing Market

KILLEEN, Texas (Killeen Daily Herald) -

As Fort Hood prepares to increase its troop strength by 5,000, local leaders with their hands on the pulse of the rental and real estate industries say the addition will be a boon to the market.

"Overall, this is nothing but positive for Killeen," said Karen Doerbaum, co-owner of Lone Star Realty and Property Management in Killeen and president of the Fort Hood Area Association of Realtors. Doerbaum oversees the real estate side of Lone Star Realty.

Under current plans, Fort Hood Family Housing will have 5,912 homes, ranging in size from two-bedroom to five-bedroom, by October 2006, according to department officials. That's a nearly 1,000-unit increase from October 2001, and more homes could be built in response to news of the additional troops.



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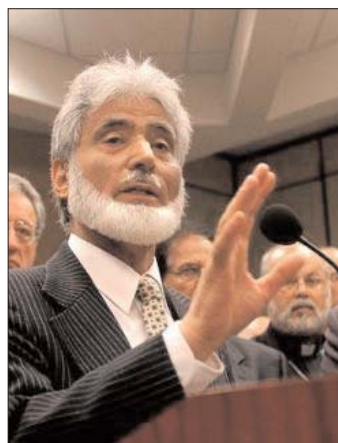
Construction crews burn foliage to prepare for a new development in Harker Heights. The housing industry in the communities surrounding Fort Hood expects a big increase in off-post real estate sales, as on-post housing is at capacity and additional families are on a waiting list.

With on-post housing staying almost filled up and another approximate 4,000 families on the waiting list - mostly families of enlisted soldiers - off-post housing will likely shoulder much of the load when the incoming soldiers and their families arrive.

That's good news for

the market, however, which has felt the impact of recent major deployments of troops, causing sales to decline a bit, Doerbaum said.

"With the large inventory of homes available for sale in our area, one could consider this a buyer's market," she added.



AP

Sayyid Muhammad Syeed, secretary general for the Islamic Society of North America, addresses the media.

## Muslims Gather in Ill.

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP)- American Muslims opened their largest annual gathering last Friday, emphasizing the importance of voting as the Muslim community struggles for political recognition.

More than 30,000 people were expected to attend the three-day meeting organized by the Islamic Society of North America, an umbrella association representing Muslim groups and mosques nationwide.

The conference is the third for the Islamic Society since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and organizers

planned to address many of the problems that have plagued the community since then.

Presentations will be made on defending Islam against prejudice, creating ties with leaders of other faiths and preserving Muslims' civil rights during the domestic war on terrorism.

Sheik Muhammad Nur Abdullah, president of the Islamic Society, urged U.S. Muslims to build relations with other faiths as a model of tolerance for fellow Muslims overseas.

## Marcus Johnson Makes Debut

KILLEEN, Texas (Killeen Daily Herald) -- Whatever questions remained about the potential of Killeen light-heavyweight boxer Marcus Johnson, most were answered on June 28 when he signed a three-year deal with Don King Productions to launch his professional career.

If any doubts lingered, they were eliminated shortly thereafter when Johnson joined the camp of boxing super manager James Prince, home of fighters such as Roy Jones Jr., Floyd Mayweather and Winky Wright.

In other words, King and Prince won't just sign anyone. And Saturday at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, the faith they've placed in the 2004 Ellison graduate will get its first test when he squares off with Chrayondray Johnson in his professional debut.

Scheduled for four



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Killeen boxing brothers Marcus, left, and James Johnson Jr. are about to break into the big time world of professional fighting. Marcus makes his pro debut Saturday night in Las Vegas at Mandalay Bay Casino. Both Johnsons will fight next month at Madison Square Garden.

rounds, the "Johnson and Johnson" clash is part of an 11-fight undercard for the IBF/WBA/WBC welterweight championship fight between Cory Spinks and Miguel Gonzalez. Also on the menu will be WBO Heavyweight Champion "Relentless" Lamont Brewster against

Kali "Checkmate" Meehan.

"I'm just ready to get in the ring and fight," said Marcus, who in March, finished second in the United States Olympic Box-offs to eventual gold medalist Andre Ward. "I'm ready to get in there and get it over."

## Astros Seek Wild Card

HOUSTON (AP) -- Tiring with each pitch and feeling a twinge in his achy right calf, Roger Clemens was in need of some help in the seventh inning.

The Rocket got a timely lift from his teammates for his 325th career win and the surging Houston Astros won their season-high seventh consecutive game, 8-6 over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday night.

"I almost felt like it was two different games out there," Clemens said. "I was out there looking for a third wind."

Jeff Bagwell, Carlos Beltran, Craig Biggio and

Jose Vizcaino homered for Houston, which has won 10 of 11 and closed within 2½ games of the Chicago Cubs, the NL wild-card leader.

Clemens (15-4), who won his third straight start, moved past Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton for sole possession of 12th place on the career wins list.

He took a 7-0 lead into the seventh inning but tired and wound up allowing four runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. The Rocket even added an run-scoring single in the sixth for his seventh RBI of the season, chasing Pittsburgh starter Oliver Perez (9-8).



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The Astros beat the Pirates on Friday, giving pitcher Roger Clemens his 325th career win, and putting the Astros 2 1/2 games behind in the wild card race.

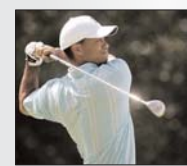
## Sports Shorts

### Ivana Trump Gets New Reality Show

NEW YORK (AP) -- The ex-model, ex-CEO and ex-wife of real estate mogul Donald Trump will host a two-hour dating reality special - the working title is "Ivana Young Man" - this fall on Fox. Trump will select eight twentysomething bachelors who will compete for the affection of a successful but lonely fortysomething woman. On the show, fiftysomething Ivana will serve as a teacher, expert and guide to the "mature" bachelorette, who will narrow the field of eight down to two and eventually to one. According to Fox, the final choice will be made not by Ivana but by the lovelorn socialite.

### Singh Pursues Tiger's Top Rank

NORTON, Mass. (AP) -- Tiger Woods, who's won



just once this year to jeopardize his No. 1 ranking, has a first-round lead for the first time since he won the 2003 Western Open. He has won eight of the last 10 tournaments when he's led or shared the lead after Round 1. Mark O'Meara was tied with two others at 5 under. Five were tied at two strokes back and Vijay Singh, who could take over the top spot in the world rankings if he finishes higher than Woods, was among 10 tied at minus 3.